

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Francos on 11/02/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 6, replacing -- extending between -- with "coupled to".

In claim 2, line 6, replacing -- extending between -- with "coupled to".

In claim 4, line 5, replacing -- extending between -- with "coupled to".

In claim 12, line 4, replacing -- extending between -- with "coupled to".

In claim 13, line 5, replacing -- extending between -- with "coupled to".

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement filed 2/06/09 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(d) because it lacks a statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e). It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-13 and 15 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

5. Regarding claims 1-13 and 15, prior art does not teach actuator elements coupled to fixed support directly.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TONY KO whose telephone number is (571)272-1926. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Georgia Epps can be reached on 571-272-2328. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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